Rights of Girl Child

1196. SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister on December 10, 1998, the UN Human Rights Day, called for world order to effectively protect the Rights of the Child, especially the girl-child;

(b) if so, what steps were taken by Government to take stock of the efforts made, the progress made in that direction in India and what was the result of such a study; and

(c) whether any comprehensive plan has been or is proposed to be launched to secure the rights of the Child; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPTT. OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPTT. OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP-MENT (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI): (a) As per the Speech (copy provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs) delivered by the Prime Minister on December 10, 1998 the UN Human Rights Day, the protection of Human Rights, including rights of the child, was emphasised but not especially the girl child.

(b) and (c) The girl child is an integral part of the target group—children. The rights of the child include rights of the girl child. National Plan of Action (committement of the child), prepared by the Department of Women & Child Development is under implementation since 1992. The Scheme of Balika Samridhi Yojana is under implementaion since 1997-98 by the Department of Women & Child Development. It provides financial help to the families to whom a gril child is born if they are living below the poverty line.

The Government proposes to announce National Charter for Children with an aim to ensure that no child remains illiterate, hungry or lacks medical facilities. The Government also proposes to set up a National Commission for Children with an objective to monitor and evaluate the status of safe-guards provided to children constitutionally, legally and otherwise and advice Government from time to time on steps and measures to be taken.

The process for forming the National Commission for Children as well as for finalising the National Charter for Children has begun.

Assistance to NCOs under Rashtriya Mahila Kosh in Orissa

1197. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided to different NCOs and social welfare organisations working for the poor and the needy women in Orissa, under Rashtriya Mahila Kosh, during each of the last three years; and

(b) the number of women benefited by the scheme in the State during the above period, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPTT. OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPTT. OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed.